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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN DISCUSSIONS RE UGANDA

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 8993, B. ADDIS ABABA 9204

1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON AUG. 5, CHARGE ASKED ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO FOR ETHIOPIAN VIEWS ON KENYA-UGANDA PROBLEM. KIFLE STATED THAT ETHIOPIA HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT UGANDA AND SOMALIA WOULD JOIN FORCES AGAINST KENYA AND THUS GREATLY COMPLICATE SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA. EPMG TRIED TO IMPRESS THIS POINT ON KENYANS DURING KENYAN-ETHIOPIAN TALKS JULY 30-AUG. 1 (REFTEL B).

2. UGANDA AND KENYA, HOWEVER, ARE NOW DISCUSSING THEIR PROBLEMS IN PRIVATE, KIFLE SAID. UGANDA HAD ASKED FOR TANZANIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS AS AN OBSERVER. BUT APPARENTLY THIS WAS NOT PRECONDITION FOR TALKS, BECAUSE SO FAR AS KIFLE WAS AWARE, TANZANIANS ARE NOT PRESENT. ETHIOPIA HAD SUGGESTED
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THAT IF OBSERVERS TOOK PART, BURUNDI SHOULD OBSERVE

AS WELL (KIFLE INTIMATED THAT ETHIOPIA, BURUNDI AND ZAMBIA LEANED TOWARD THE KENYAN POSITION).

3. DURING THE CONSULTATIONS, KIFLE SAID, THE KENYANS HAD NOT ASKED ETHIOPIA EITHER TO OBSERVE OR BE OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE IN THEIR PROBLEM WITH UGANDA.
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